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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Program and Budget for TSS Research and Development

1. This Office has had an opportunity to consider a copy of the above titled memorandum of [] addressed to the Deputy Director (Plans).

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2. We heartily subscribe to the basic concept and philosophy expressed in [] memorandum transmitting the TSS program and budget. We recognize that the techniques and equipment necessary to provide effective support to clandestine operations must be specially developed, adapted and tailored to our needs and capacities. We feel that the CIA program for this purpose has been retarded and we consider that it is so important as to justify especial emphasis and effort.

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3. To the extent that we are able to relate the contemplated research and development programs set forth in the budget to our present and anticipated interests and requirements, the programs all appear to be needed and to have pertinence. We note that the amount of money requested is approximately [] beginning 1 July 1952. We understand from our conversations with [] that this amount of money represents an estimate or judgement of [] and his co-workers of the amount of money which can be effectively and efficiently allocated for research and development purposes for the period under concern. We are therefore not so much concerned as to the precise content of the research and development program as set forth in the memorandum as we are with the fact that [] and his co-workers have expressed to us the desire and intention of addressing themselves first to those techniques and items which we hold in most urgent need.

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4. We urge that favorable consideration be given to this request. We consider that concentrated, imaginative research and development of the nature that is so much a part of the genius of America may well result in innovations which will facilitate accomplishment of our mission in a manner not now dreamed of.

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* Have discussed with KI who has not had time to study in detail it who subscribes heartily to Par 3 alone. *JK*

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